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10 INVENTION: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR OPTIMISING THE  
TRANSMISSION SAFETY AND THE DEFECT TOLERANCE  
IN HIGH-BIT-RATE DATA NETWORKS

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